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WHO DOES WHAT?

Information and help can be obtained on the following matters by calling the appropriate authority.

BTC Belper Town Council	01773 822116	DCC Derbyshire County Council	01629 580000
AVBC Amber Valley Borough Council	01773 570222	FH Futures Homescape	01773 573100

Building Regulations	AVBC	Farmers' Market	BTC	Refuse Collection	AVBC
Bus Shelters	AVBC	Fairs	BTC	Registration of Births,	AVBC
Cemeteries	AVBC	Grit Bins	BTC/AVBC	Marriages & Deaths	AVBC
Channels	AVBC	Highways &		Register of Electors	AVBC
Christmas Lights	BTC	Footpath Gritting	DCC	Remembrance Day	
Clubs & Organisations	AVBC/BTC	Housing	FH	Service & Parade	BTC
Council Tax	AVBC	Housing Benefit	AVBC	Showground	AVBC
Concessionary Fares	AVBC	Libraries	DCC	Social Services	DCC
Dog Wardens	AVBC	Memorial Gardens	BTC	Street Cleaning	AVBC
Education	AVBC/DCC	Parks/Recreation Grounds	AVBC	Street Lighting	DCC
Entertainment Programme	AVBC/BTC	Planning Matters	AVBC	Trading Standards	DCC
Environmental Health	AVBC	Public Footpaths	AVBC/DCC	War Memorials	BTC/AVBC





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Newsletter

Spring 2018

TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY 10 FEBRUARY

Farmers' Market, Market Place
9am to 1pm

There will be an opportunity to meet and discuss any Town Council related issues with your Councillors at the first Farmers' Market of the



Since our last press release update a lot of behind the scenes work has been done.

We have had a visit from a representative of AECOM, one of the big planning consultancies, who is part of preparing

an assessment of the viability of the brownfield sites in Belper. He met with a number of the members of the NP Working Group and was shown around the area. We have now started getting these reports submitted back to us for the Working Group to start reviewing and implementing into our document. Progress is being made on the third and final document draft and the Working Group are scheduling in public consultation meetings for early spring 2018.

PROCTORS SPRING FUN FAIR 5 APRIL

Thursday 5 April at 6pm until Saturday
7 April on the Coppice car park

ST GEORGES DAY 23 APRIL

Belper Town Council will remember St George, England's Patron Saint by flying the flag in the Memorial Gardens and at Milford Triangle. The Council invites everyone to join in the celebrations and commemorate this day by painting the Town red and white. If you would like to commemorate St George, the Council are offering a 5ft x 3ft St George flag at £5 each and ten metre lengths of red and white bunting are also available from the Council offices at a cost of £8 each.

FAMILY FUN DAY 19 MAY

The Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield is organising a "Family Fun Day" to be held on the afternoon of Saturday, 19th May 2018. It will be on the recreation ground on Park Road, Belper and making use also of the adjacent Early Years Centre.

Keep your eye on the Rotary Club website, www.belper-rotary.co.uk after 1st January for regular updates as the afternoon's programme is developed and more details made available.

This is our first venture into organising a Carnival event so do come along and support your local Rotary Club, supporting the local community and have loads of fun at the same time.

Belper Arts Festival

6 to 28 MAY 2018

The community based **Belper Arts Festival** will include literature, art, theatre, film, photography, dance and music at venues throughout Belper in Derbyshire.

It is a festival of inclusivity, not exclusivity and everyone is welcome to take part.

For more information visit their website belperartsfestival.org

6 & 7 MAY BELPER ARTS TRAIL 10.30am to 4.30pm

The Belper Arts Trail continues to grow year on year and will be celebrating its 5th anniversary in 2018. Last year with over 140 artists in 55 venues, it was estimated that 3,000 people visited the Trail, making it one of the most popular Trails in the Midlands. The aim is to make a great family day out – or two if you can't manage it all in one day! Captain Dan and his team will once again be on hand to entertain the children. Entry to the Trail this year again will be by purchasing a trail badge and you will also receive a brochure. The badge and brochure will enable you to enter every venue. Before the trail dates, you will be able to buy guides and badges from local outlets. On the two days of the trail they can be bought on the **Market Place**, in the **Memorial Gardens**, **Gatehouse Antiques** on Chapel Street and **North Mill**, Bridge Foot. Go to www.belperarts.org/The-Trail/ for further information.

12 MAY – 20 MAY WOOLLEN WOODS

Belper Parks Woods is transformed by knitted creatures

The magic happens in the ancient woodland called Belper Parks Wood situated near the centre of the town. It is a free community event created by local knitters, crocheters and those who work with felt. In previous years visitors have discovered well known characters such as Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, Alice from Wonderland, the Cheshire Cat and the White Rabbit, Noah and the animals from the Ark. Many trees are decorated by local groups including care homes, schools, nurseries and charities. There will also be creatures you would expect to see in a wood such as owls, red squirrels, badgers, foxes but also lots of fairy folk. The Parks Woods can be accessed from several places in town but the easiest way is from the free Coppice Car park just off the Market Place.



BELPER IN BLOOM RHS EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM



The Town is aiming for its tenth Gold in a row in East Midlands in Bloom. If you are interested in joining the 'In Bloom' Committee to help with the Towns entries please contact the Town Council on 01773 822116 or email: admin@belpertowncouncil.gov.uk

Belper in Bloom

The Town Council will be running its annual Belper in Bloom competition in the summer – for best residential and commercial premises garden, best community garden, best hanging basket. As usual entry forms will be available on the Town Council's website from June onwards.

RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme

If you are involved in community gardening why not consider entering the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme. East Midlands in Bloom will assess your entry. Further information and an application form can be downloaded from eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk. Entry forms have to be in by the end of April.

Sponsorship Opportunities Floral Displays and Hanging Baskets

Sponsorship is a great way to advertise your company. The Town Council offers several opportunities for businesses to be involved from as little as £35 per year. If you wish to register your interest, or require any further information, please contact the Town Council on 01773 822116 or email: admin@belpertowncouncil.gov.uk

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT ACCESSIBLE BELPER?

By working with everyone in our community from Belper Schools to the University of the 3rd Age we raise awareness of how different conditions can prevent people enjoying our town. Over 5,000 people in Belper live with a disabling condition. This can be dementia, deafness, autism, blindness, the list goes on. With awareness comes understanding leading to action and a change in culture.

Why not use 2018 to continue making Belper accessible for all? You would be welcome at our meetings or come along to one of our Awareness Raising sessions. All the details are below for your diary or you can take a look at our website (www.accessiblebelper.org) and follow us on Facebook.



If you would like to know more and don't have access to the internet give Siobhan a call on 01773 826477.

General Meetings at Strutts Community Centre 6pm-7.30pm. Mondays 15 January, 16 April, 16 July, 15 October 2018.

Training and Awareness Sessions at Strutts Community Centre. Wednesdays 28 March, 20 June, 19 September – Choose from 10.30am-12.30pm or 5.45pm-7.30pm 2018.



FREE Entry to all venues

Belper artists open their homes and studios to visitors. You might even get tea and cake.

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 May 10.30am until 4.30pm, Monday 28 May 10.30am until 4pm

belperopenhouses.com

Celebrating Belper

For more events visit www.belpercelebration.co.uk

Your guide to some of the coming highlights during 2018

Sunday 4 February

10am to 1pm Beaufort Café at No.28 Market Place

Different languages at different tables including English! Free entry.

Wednesday 7 February

7.30pm Belper Historical Society talk at St John's Chapel

Dave Savage of DerwentWISE on Restoring Iconic Views in the World Heritage Site. £3 for non-members.

Saturday 10 February

9am to 1pm Belper Farmers Market on Market Place

Cheeses, meats, bread and other stalls. Free car parking on The Coppice. Details at www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk. With councillor surgery - meet your town councillor. Café, Clive Wheeler exhibition and crafts at No.28.

Sunday 11 February

5pm Strutt's North Mill Talk – The Strutts and Water Power at No.28 Market Place

Ian Jackson reveals recent discoveries on how the Strutts used water to power their mills. £4 per person (includes refreshments). Booking essential at admin@belpernorthmill.org or ring 01773 880474.

Saturday 17 February

9.30am to 4.30pm Hurricane Irma Fundraiser at No.28 Market Place

Pop-up charity shop and café.

Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 February

10.30am to 3pm Half Term Children's Activities at Strutt's North Mill

Drop-in children's activities including Millie Mouse Hunt, Victorian Games, Crafts, Make a Model Town. Admission: adults and children £2.50. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Details at www.belpernorthmill.org.

Thursday 22 & Friday 23 February

11am to 3.30pm Half Term Opening and Tours at Strutt's North Mill

Admission: £5, under 16s free (no need to book). Details at www.belpernorthmill.org.

Saturday 24 February

10am to 1pm Green Exchange & Transition Belper Café at No.28 Market Place

Café with a chance to find out more about Transition Belper. Free entry.

Thursday 1 March

11am Summer Season begins at Strutt's North Mill

From today, open Wednesday to Sunday, 11am to 4pm until 31 October. Exhibition on Belper and the Railway. Admission: adults £5, under 16s free, includes a free tour. Details at 01773 880474 or info@belpernorthmill.org. Website: www.belpernorthmill.org

Saturday 3 March

10am Great British Spring Clean

Organised by Belper Town Council – help tidy up your neighbourhood with councillors and the Rotary Club of Belper. For location details visit www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk or ring 01773 822116.

Wednesday 7 March

7.30pm Belper Historical Society talk at St John's Chapel

Jane Middleton-Smith on archiving project discoveries at WW Winters Photographers of Derby. £3 for non-members.

Saturday 10 March

9am to 1pm Belper Farmers Market on Market Place

Cheese, meats, bread and other stalls. Details at www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk. Café, Clive Wheeler exhibition and crafts at No.28.

Sunday 11 March

5pm Strutt's North Mill Talk – Belper Transport at No.28 Market Place

Adrian Farmer looks back at developments for all kinds of transport seen in Belper over the past 150 years. £4 per person (includes refreshments). Booking essential at admin@belpernorthmill.org or ring 01773 880474.

Wednesday 21 March

3.30pm Memorial Unveiling in Belper Memorial Gardens

Unveiling of memorial for Charles Edwin Stone VC MM, a century after he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Wednesday 21 March

7.30pm Remembering Charles Edwin Stone VC MM at St Peter's Church

Commemorating the life of Charles Edwin Stone VC MM on the centenary of being awarded the Victoria Cross. An evening of drama, music, poetry and spoken word. Free.

Thursday 22 March

6.30pm Freedom Feed 'Em Vegan Community Meal at No.28 Market Place

Pay what you feel. To book ring 07519 899140. Bring your own drinks.

Saturday 24 March

10am to 1pm Green Exchange & Transition Belper Café at No.28 Market Place

Café with a chance to find out more about Transition Belper. Free entry.

Wednesday 28 March

10.30am or 5.45pm Accessible Belper Training and Awareness Session at the Strutts Centre, Derby Road

Raising awareness of accessibility issues in Belper. Details at www.accessiblebelper.org or call Siobhan on 01773 826477.

Friday 30 March

11am The Belper Passion Walk of Witness from outside HSBC Bank, King Street

Free admission. The Easter Story beginning with the Walk Of Witness to St. Peter's Church followed by the Passion Play at 11:45am in St Peter's Church.

Sunday 1 April

2pm Around Bullsmoor, an Ancient Landscape – Heritage Walk from Belper Market Place

Led by John Morrissey. £4 per person, Under 16s free. Details at www.belpernorthmill.org or 01773 880474. Just turn up.

Easter Monday 2 April

5pm The Wyn Edwards Memorial Talk – Belper Women at No.28 Market Place

Adrian Farmer on Belper Women, in memory of Strutt's North Mill volunteer Wyn, who died in 2017. Free entry but charity donations welcome. Booking essential at admin@belpernorthmill.org or ring 01773 880474.

Wednesday 4 April

7.30pm Belper Historical Society talk at the Strutts Centre, Derby Road

Ian Coker on the history of Denby village. £3 for non-members. Please note - new venue!

Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 April

6pm (Thursday, Friday) 2pm (Saturday) Spring Fun Fair in the Coppice Car Park

Lots of rides and sideshows at the end of Easter Week. Car park closed to motorists.

Sunday 8 April

2pm Along the Fleet – Heritage Walk from Belper Market Place

Led by Trevor Griffin. £4 per person, Under 16s free. Details at www.belpernorthmill.org or 01773 880474. Just turn up.

Saturday 14 April

9am to 1pm Belper Farmers Market on Market Place

Cheese, meats, bread and other stalls. Details at www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk. Also café, exhibition and crafts at No.28.

Sunday 15 April

2pm Duffield to Peckwash – Heritage Walk from Duffield Church

Led by Brian Deer. £4 per person, Under 16s free. Details at www.belpernorthmill.org or 01773 880474. Just turn up.

Monday 16 April

7pm 150 years of Belper Photographers – talk at No.28, Market Place.

Free talk by Adrian Farmer. Refreshments available - donations welcome. Booking essential - 01629 533192 or at Belper Library.

Monday 16 April

6pm to 7.30pm Accessible Belper at the Strutts Centre, Derby Road

Come and contribute to the award winning work. Visit www.accessiblebelper.org or call Siobhan on 01773 826477 for details.

Sunday 22 April

2pm The Strutt Farms – Heritage Walk from Strutt's North Mill

Led by Alex Gilbert and Adrian Farmer. £4 per person, Under 16s free. Details at www.belpernorthmill.org or 01773 880474.

Thursday 26 April

6.30pm Freedom Feed 'Em Vegan Community Meal at No.28 Market Place

Pay what you feel. To book ring 07519 899140. Bring your own drinks.

Saturday 28 April

10am to 1pm Green Exchange & Transition Belper Café at No.28 Market Place

Café with a chance to find out more about Transition Belper. Free entry.

Sunday 29 April

2pm Around Holbrook – Heritage Walk from Pond Road Bus Shelter, Holbrook

Led by Dawn Churchill. £4 per person, Under 16s free. Details at www.belpernorthmill.org or 01773 880474. Just turn up.

Wednesday 2 May

7.30pm Belper Historical Society talk at the Strutts Centre, Derby Road

Derek Latham on 'The Conversion of Old Buildings'. £3 for non-members. Please note - new venue!

Sunday 6 May

2pm Water Power in Belper – Heritage Walk from Strutt's North Mill

Led by Ian Jackson. £4 per person, Under 16s free. Details at www.belpernorthmill.org or 01773 880474. Just turn up.



Sunday 6 May to Monday 28 May Belper Arts Festival at locations across the town

The sixth Belper Arts Festival features music, art, theatre, film, dance, comedy, photography and more. Performances and workshops will take place across the town. Check the website or brochure for individual times and event costs.

Events include: Beth's Poetry Trail Walk (10 May); Woollen Woods (12 to 20 May) Community Yarn Bomb in the Belper Parks woods; Music Festival (13 to 19 May); Nell Gwynn - A Play directed by Larry Waller (17 to 19 May); Shine! A day long showcase of theatre and music featuring children (20 May); Belper Open Houses (26 to 28 May) including artists and makers stalls, art exhibition and café at No.28 Market Place. Visit www.belperartsfestival.org or ring 07847 478251. Email: nonnel@sky.com

Sunday 6 & Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 10.30am to 4.30pm Belper Arts Trail in Belper town centre

The fifth Belper Arts Trail hosts over 100 artists in over 50 venues, including No.28 Market Place with 'Shine in Belper' - artists and makers exhibiting, making, performing and demonstrating with exciting new ways to participate. Look for badges and brochures on sale in April. Website: www.belperarts.org. To take part, email info@belperarts.org.

Saturday 12 May

9am to 1pm Belper Farmers Market on Market Place

Cheeses, meats, bread and other stalls. Details at www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk. Also café and crafts at No.28, including at 2pm an 'Into the Wild Woods' workshop.

Saturday 12 May

11am Milford May Day Celebration starting at Holly Bush, Makeney

May Day procession around the village, visiting the well dressings and ending in Milford School for their Spring Fair.

Belper charities and non-profit making groups wishing to promote fund-raising events can submit a brief entry for this diary by e-mailing info@derwentvalleymills.org. A place in the next newsletter diary cannot be guaranteed but we will try to include as many as we can.